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**AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.116**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed May 19, 2006, please amend  
the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of the claims which begins  
on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 5 of this paper.